



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Endorsement of Improving Dementia Mate Wareware Services in Aotearoa New Zealand Action Plan

**Portfolio** Associate Health (Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall)

On 24 November 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1 **noted** the Labour Party's 2020 Election Manifesto commitment to work with the dementia sector to implement the *Improving Dementia Mate Wareware Services in Aotearoa New Zealand – Action Plan* (the Action Plan);
- 2 **endorsed** the dementia sector's Action Plan to guide improvements in supports for people with dementia mate wareware and their carers and whānau;
- 3 **noted** that the Ministry of Health will establish a Dementia Leadership and Advisory Group to work with Health New Zealand and the Māori Health Authority to scope what is needed to realise the vision and four objectives of the Action Plan;
- 4 **noted** that additional funding will be required to fully implement the Action Plan 2020 to 2025;
- 5 **noted** that the Ministry of Health and the Associate Minister of Health (Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall) will develop public communications about the government's endorsement of the Action Plan and improving the lives of people with dementia and their whānau and carers.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

#### Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

#### Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of the Chair  
Officials Committee for SWC